

The advertising, editorial staff and management of the Carstairs Courier and Didsbury Review would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes for the New Year to our readers and advertisers. To accommodate the holiday calendar we have combined the two newspapers for this week's edition of the paper.

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WINTER FUN - Marquell Cameron, top, and Daniel Santos sled down the Butte at the Didsbury Golf Course on Dec. 23.

Noel West/MVP Staff



Father of slain son wants answers

Has been waiting for more than eight years

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Didsbury resident Allan Berdahl said when he received a phone call on Dec. 17 from the RCMP telling him an arrest had been made in the murder of his son more than eight years ago, he thought it was a scam.

And he was shocked to hear his slain son's friend

is the man accused of murdering him.

"It was a strange turn of events because we didn't really suspect anybody and we didn't suspect him because any time we had seen him he was always polite and always nice to us," said Berdahl.

Forty-nine-year-old Russell Steven Tessier of Calgary has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of Allan Gerald Berdahl—known to friends and family as Gerry—whose body was found near a

gravel road east of Carstairs on March 16, 2007.

Investigators from the "K" Division RCMP historical homicide unit arrested and charged Tessier on Dec. 17.

Allan and Gerry's stepmother Janet say Tessier was friendly and recalled a time when he brought over coffee and donuts after Allan's mother passed away.

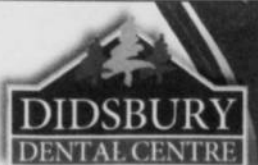
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More Christmas hampers delivered than ever before

Organizers believe higher demand a result of unemployment rate

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Members of the Carstairs Lions Club delivered more Christmas hampers than ever before this year.

And they believe it was a direct result of the unemployment rate in Alberta.

A total of 58 hampers were delivered on Dec. 19, which is an increase from 40 last year. Eighty-eight adults and 115 children benefited from this year's hampers.

It was the 30th year members of the Lions Club collected donations and delivered hampers to less fortunate people in town and the surrounding area at Christmastime.

A drop in oil prices caused thousands of layoffs across the province this year and Chris Whittaker, who is a member of the Lions club, said they were expecting a greater demand because of that.

And the club was not short of donations.

"The Lions club simply coordinate all this but everything that goes into the hampers has been donated by somebody else," said Whittaker, adding \$9,000 worth of Co-op gift cards were purchased for the hampers.

"All that money was donated by other people or other organizations, so school kids and Scouts and guides and mothers and grandmothers just dropping stuff at the grocery store," he said.

"There were some



Patricia Riley/MVP Staff

Members of the Carstairs Lions Club and community volunteers pose for a photo after packing food hampers at Hugh Sutherland School on Dec. 18.

significant donations in cash and in kind from all kinds of people. It was just amazing to be quite honest. And I was blown away by peoples generosity."

The club wasn't short

of volunteers to pack the hampers at Hugh Sutherland School on Dec. 18 or deliver them on Dec. 19 either.

He said it's a rewarding feeling when delivering the hampers and

seeing some people cry with joy.

"It's amazing how the reaction varies. I think everybody's very grateful, but they have a different way of showing it," he said.

"Some people are embarrassed, some people are just blown away by the generosity of everybody."

"And the people that get them need them."

Staff members at the Town of Carstairs office handled hamper requests and collection boxes were set up at various businesses in town.



Carstairs and District Lions Club

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all those donors and volunteers
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Christmas Hamper Program
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**We wish you all a
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VISIT THE TOWN OF CARSTAIRS WEBSITE! NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS —

Will be held January 11, 2016 and January 25, 2016
at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

TOWN OF CARSTAIRS NEW YEAR HOURS

All Town of Carstairs Hours of Operation for the 2015/16 New Year Holiday are as follows:

December 29 and 30, 2015 **Regular Hours**

December 31, 2015 **CLOSED** at 12:00 PM

January 1, 2016 **CLOSED**

January 4, 2016 **Regular Hours**

This will include the Town Office, Operations Building, Memorial Arena, Protective Services Office, and Parks Office.

Contact: Town Office 403-337-3341.

CHANGE IN HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Due to the New Year Holiday; the West side Garbage as well as both East and West side recycling will be picked up on January 4, 2016.

Carstairs Light Up The Night

The judging took place on the evening of December 16, 2015. Carstairs has out done itself this year; thank you all for taking the time to shine a light and brighten spirits this holiday season!!

Congratulations to the "Light Up The Night" winners.

1st Gary & Libby Clark - 1432 McAlpine Street

2nd Randy and Glenda Dewdney - 124 Meadowpark Dr.

3rd Austin, Jennifer and Joey Kells - 6 Idaho Place

An honorable mention to Dallaire Dr.

for lighting up the whole neighborhood!

Visit www.carstairs.ca to view the winners.



Mayor's Christmas Message

Christmas is a time for all to reflect on what this time of year means to each of us and our families.

For many, Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

For others, it is a time to be with family and to rejoice in being together, celebrating days gone by and making new memories.

On behalf of Town Council, Administration and the Town employees I wish all a very Merry Christmas and Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

A development permit is required for projects such as decks, basements and home renovations, and additions. Development Permits have been received for the following proposed developments:

Appeal can be made prior to January 5, 2015

151-15 1408 Ranch Road Basement Renovations

Questions or concerns can be directed to the Planning and Development Department.

Murder suspect will apply for bail "as soon as possible"

BY DAN SINGLETON
MVP Staff

A 49-year-old Calgary man facing a first-degree murder charge in the killing of a man found dead outside Carstairs more than eight years ago will be back in Didsbury provincial court early next month.

Russell Steven Tessier was arrested and charged on Dec. 17 in the death of Allan Gerald Berdahl, 36, whose body was discovered by bystanders on Rge. Rd. 28.2 just north of Highway 581 on March 16, 2007.

Tessier appeared by closed circuit TV from the Calgary Remand Centre before Judge Patricia McIlhargey in Didsbury court on Dec. 21.

During the five-minute court appearance, the charge against Tessier was read to the accused for the first time.

Wearing a prison-issue blue overall, Tessier appeared to be paying attention to proceedings, answering several questions from the judge.

Asked when he plans to make a bail application, the accused said,

"As soon as possible."

Asked if he had any questions for the court, Tessier said, "I believe it's pretty straight forward at this time."

The Crown prosecutor told the judge that the accused "definitely needs to get in contact with defence (counsel)" and that there will be "several volumes of disclosure" in the case.

Tessier, who remains in custody, will be back in Didsbury court on Jan. 4.

Berdahl *Continued from page 1*

Allan said he feels relieved now that there has been an arrest, even though it's more than eight years later. He is grateful the RCMP units never stopped trying.

"We thought they'd stopped and given up on it but they had been working on it diligently," he said, adding he can't thank them enough. "They made it happen."

Allan said after the murder in 2007 he became worried for his other three children - a son and two daughters - because he didn't know who the killer was or what they were after.

"We were always fearful when they went out that something would happen to them," said Janet.

"In a lot of ways this now brings relief and gives us a bit of closure. It was frustrating because after a time period you feel like this is never going to be solved, this person has gotten away with it."

"We did lose hope. In fact we hadn't heard anything for the last two years and we just thought it's a cold case, it's not going to get solved. And then out of the blue we got the phone call."

Allan said he didn't always have the best relationship with his son, although it was getting better before he died. The last time he saw him was a week before he died when they went to the Legion together in Calgary.

"All these emotions just run through your head. And the biggest question was why, who and what was the reason for it all."

ALLAN BERDAHL,
father of murder victim

"We sat down and had a couple of drinks, reminisced, did some talking, father-son type stuff. It wasn't very often we did that," he said.

"Last thing I saw was when I was driving away and I could see in my rearview mirror him going across the street to where he was staying at that time. That was the last time I saw him."

He remembers feeling shocked, surprised, sad and mad after finding out his son had been murdered.

"All these emotions just run through your head. And the biggest one was why, who and what was the



Submitted photo

Allan Gerald Berdahl, known to friends and family as Gerry, was killed in 2007. Police have charged a 49-year-old man with first-degree murder. Berdahl's father says the accused killer was a friend of his son.

reason for it all. It shouldn't have happened," he said.

"It's hard to understand what goes through a person's mind when they decide they're going to take a life. And that's not ours to determine. We're just happy that the case has been solved and hopefully justice will be served," added Janet.

Gerry got a new job in Winnipeg and was getting ready to head there at the time he was killed near Carstairs.

He was born and raised in Calgary, was the oldest of four, worked in mechanics, loved karaoke and wanted to be a chef at one point.

But they say he went a different direction when he got older and got involved with different people. They were hoping his new job would steer him in the right direction.

"Was he a perfect kid? No. And we're not going to glorify him as being, you know, the college preppy kid. He wasn't. He had his issues and he had his problems at the time that he died and we have to kind of accept that that would have been something that may have lead to his death," said Allan.

He said in a way he feels like he failed and has always wondered if there was something he could have done to prevent his son's death.

"The saddest part about this whole thing right now is that it's not just Gerry that was a victim; it's us and the whole family, because we've got to live through this thing again," he said. "And now Russ' family has got to go through and live through this whole process. They're victims of the whole thing as well as to what took place back then."

He said they plan to attend as many court dates as possible and want answers.

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Double Trouble team raising money to attend conference

26th annual Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving conference to be held in Calgary in April

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Students at Hugh Sutherland School want to put an end to drinking and driving and are raising money to attend the 26th annual Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving conference.

Sydni Brix, a member of the Double Trouble team that is a registered chapter of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) for senior high students operated out of the school, said she knows people who have been affected by impaired driving.

"It's a big deal. Drinking and driving happens a lot. It's one of the main causes of death in Canada and it needs to be stopped," said Brix.

She hasn't attended a national conference before but has attended three provincial conferences and says they are extremely beneficial.

"The experience of it is just so amazing. And then when you get back from them you've got all these ideas," she said.

"And it's all because when you're at the conference you get to talk to other people around Alberta that have done certain things that they have benefited from and have been a success and then we can go and take that into our community."

Double Trouble team members usually attend the provincial conference held in Edmonton every fall, but the national conference alternates between the west and east coast each year. This year's conference will be held in Calgary in April.

Janet Cornell, who is the adult coordinator and supervisor of the Double Trouble team as well as a family wellness worker at the school, said there are 35 members in the group and she would like all of them to attend.

The three-day conference costs \$415 per person which includes meals and accommodations.

Cornell said there will most likely be around 500 SADD teams attending

from across the country.

Double Trouble team members participate in events throughout the year to raise awareness about drinking and driving, such as hosting guest speakers and participating in mock collisions.

Team member Alex Young participated in a mock collision in May and says she still hears from people about how much of an impact it had on them.

Team members also recently wrote messages against drinking and driving on brown liquor bags and took them to liquor stores in Carstairs for staff members to bag purchases with.

Students have also tried to get the message out by attending school dressed completely in white to portray they are ghosts and have been killed by drunk drivers.

Team members also sport clothing with the Double Trouble team logo to raise awareness in the school.

"We just like to raise awareness about the dangers because lots of people in the school drink," said team member Tymara Reimer.

Cornell said the conference would benefit the team by bringing new ideas to the table.

Students have been raising money to attend the conference through various events including Santa's Gone Loony, The Steak Out and Neighbourhood Party. They have also been selling Purdy's chocolates and plan on doing a bottle drive early in the New Year.

"But of course economic times are difficult right now and we are looking for sponsorship, for donations from local businesses, anywhere, to help us obtain a goal of going to this very important national conference," said Cornell.

"We want to be part of it."

She is asking businesses to hire team members to do things like cook and serve lunches at events.

"We give so much to the community, it would be a financial help if they could financially give back to us this way," she said, adding registration starts in January.



Patricia Riley/MVP Staff

Clockwise from top left: Double Trouble team members Tymara Reimer, Alex Young, Janet Cornell, Sydni Brix and Shae Dauncey pose for a photo at Hugh Sutherland School on Dec. 15. They are raising money to attend the 26th annual Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving conference in Calgary in April.

Team member Shae Dauncey said the more people that go the better, because it builds a stronger team.

Cornell said members of the community benefit as well by having youth in the community attend the conference.

"I really believe because of this group the drinking and driving is lower amongst youth," she said.

"These members are so dedicated

and committed. We're not about youth can't drink, because we can't stop that, we can't stop parties. But this team ensures that if they are at a party there's a D.D. (designated driver) and this team is about taking away those keys and this team is hauling people out of a vehicle if they're going to get in with a drunk driver," she said.

"We're very serious. It's just so empowering. I love what we stand for."



Photos by Noel West/MVP Staff

DRIVING TO THE NET -

From left to right:

Didsbury Dragons senior basketball player Chase Sheehan drives to the hoop during the Dragons' game against the Olds High School Spartans in Olds on Dec. 16. Olds won the game 70 to 29.

Didsbury Dragons senior basketball player Ben Christianson gets ready for a shot during the game.

Didsbury Dragons senior basketball player Kris Bell goes for a layup.



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STAFF VS. STUDENTS - Hugh Sutherland School students and staff take part in a hockey game with the entire school in attendance at the Carstairs Memorial Arena on Dec. 18.

Noel West/MVP Staff



Hugh Sutherland School students cheer during the game.

Noel West/MVP Staff

Committee addresses skate park concerns

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Although some Carstairs residents are opposed to the location chosen for the skate park, members of the Carstairs Regional Skate Park Committee believes it's a good choice.

"There's lots of amenities for the kids, they can go to the Mac store and get a slush or whatever," said committee member Warren Danforth, adding it's a central location that's already landscaped and there are bathrooms nearby.

Council approved the ball diamond 2 location in Memorial Park following an in-camera session during the Nov. 9 meeting, but some residents say they don't want it there.

David Grossklauf, Lorna Marcotte and Tim Schorse live adjacent to Memorial Park and spoke to council during the Dec. 14 meeting.

They said they are in favour of a skate park but they don't want it so close to their homes and they feel it would devalue their properties.

They expressed concerns with noise, lighting, upkeep, hours of operation, water drainage and parking space.

But Danforth said there is lots of parking

space for what a skate park requires.

"I don't see that being an issue because it's a skate park and most of the people that will be using it will be kids and will walk to the skate park," he said.

And although Grossklauf expressed concerns with drugs at the park to council, Danforth said he hasn't received any other concerns about that.

"Skate parks now police themselves. The kids sort of watch out for what's going on in the parks themselves," he said.

"They may tend to get

a little loud at times, depending on the number of skaters you have, but we plan on making some berms that will reduce that noise, so some of the landscaping will take care of that."

Committee members plan to hold open houses or other methods of public consultation once they choose a designer.

Danforth said it's important to the committee that any concerns are heard and addressed.

"I think we're going to work it out," he said, adding the committee is still hoping construction will kick off in the spring.

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The December 29 Mountain View Gazette
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The December 29 Innisfail Province, Carstairs Courier, Didsbury Review, Sundre Round Up and Olds Albertan
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The January 5 Mountain View Gazette
Sales DEADLINE is noon Tuesday, December 29.
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The January 5 Innisfail Province, Carstairs Courier, Didsbury Review, Sundre Round Up and Olds Albertan
Sales DEADLINE is Tuesday, December 29 at 3 pm.
All ads MUST BE APPROVED by 3 pm December 30.

The Olds office will be Closed December 25th and January 1.
Sundre, Carstairs, Didsbury and Innisfail offices will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1

Didsbury's year in review

Promoting arts and culture in our region

2015 was a year of fine-tuning our A Brush With Art, Art Show & Sale and the Mountain View Arts Festival, and working with other organizations in the community as we continue promoting arts and culture in our region.

We were especially pleased the society was able to financially assist the Didsbury High School (DHS) with a set of LED lights, the community collaboration we led by bringing a national theatre troupe to the 320 plus students at Westglen middle school this spring, and that we're able to help the DHS

Leadership group learn about community volunteerism during our festival. Our young people deserve our attention and we all appreciate the camaraderie they give us. We like to think we brighten each other's lives.

The 5th annual Mountain View Arts Festival is Mountain View County's largest outdoor festival of its kind. Art lovers saw Didsbury come alive with all that is arts and culture in our region. Of special note was a complete showcase of Métis, Inuit, and First Nations culture, including

hoop dancer, Teddy Anderson on stage at the Artisan Village, as well as giving a special performance for the folks at Bethany Care Didsbury. We were very proud to have been nominated as the not-for-profit society of 2015. Vice-president Merrilee Anthony accepted the award at the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Awards banquet in October. What a great honour it is for the Mountain View Arts Society, its volunteers and supporters.

We do everything we can to bring

"new money" into our community and are extremely grateful for funding opportunities provided by Canadian Heritage, Mountain View County, and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. We appreciate those local sponsors whose financial contributions help us put on artsy events all year long.

We're adding a third major event to our arts and heritage line-up in 2016 so stay tuned for details. We wish everyone a Christmas season filled with wonderful music, art, and family fun!

- Kathleen Windsor is president of the Mountain View Arts Society

Hope in difficult times

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

Jesus came and brought joy in difficult times. This past year has been a difficult time for many with the economic struggles in the oilpatch. We have had the opportunity to help over 40 families in our community in many practical ways. As a community we joined together this Christmas in

providing over 125 Christmas hampers to give joy and hope in tough times.

We have also had the opportunity to help a sister church in Romania spread the good news that God cares for all people. On a regular basis people from Didsbury have travelled to Romania to build churches, train pastors and minister to the people seeking hope in Jesus Christ.

The needs will still be there in 2016 and we will seek to offer hope through spiritual counsel and caring in practical ways. We have added a youth

pastor and an associate pastor to our team which also includes a children's pastor. We want to help families stay healthy in 2016. One initiative we have is hosting a family conference in April. We also hope to have a marriage retreat in the coming year. Tough times put stress on the family. We are committed to helping strengthen the family in the year ahead. God has called us to be messengers of good news and we will strive to do that in the year ahead.

- Mike Morgan, Sr. Pastor, Zion Church

Didsbury Marketplace

190. Announcements 190. Announcements

Didsbury AG Society

AGM Meeting
January 12, 2016
7:30 pm at the
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110. In Memoriam 110. In Memoriam

Nelson - Teddy Ross
December 23, 1992

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180. Thank You 180. Thank You

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The commitment of our staff to ongoing learning in this area speaks directly to their professionalism and dedication to students. Our students are more skillful in their application of reading strategies and this is being reflected in other academic subjects. Westglen School has taken a leadership role in Chinook's Edge as a literacy school and we look forward to continuing to build our expertise in this area.

We are proud to be part of a community that is so willing to partner with us. Middle school students are earnest, enthusiastic and energetic and we are thankful for the service groups, organizations and individuals who continue to partner with us to help our students grow socially and emotionally. Our students are passionate about making a positive difference in the world and we are grateful for the opportunities that present themselves in a small town.

See Great year on page 7

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Didsbury's year in review

High school focuses on four pillars

Bringing in a new calendar year at a high school is not quite the same as it is for individuals. While many take the time to reflect on what was 2015 and what will be in 2016, at Didsbury High School Jan. 1 is not the time we traditionally do that. It was an interesting challenge to use a calendar year to highlight the past and comment on the year ahead.

I find we often focus on our "end product" when we think of the past. The community of Didsbury should be proud of the young adults that left DHS

in June 2015. The grads of 2015 outperformed their provincial counterparts in all academic areas.

DHS grads were above the provincial average in all diploma areas including: acceptable and excellence levels on diploma exams, percentage of students earning a diploma within three years of starting grade 10, high participation rates for the number of students enrolled in diploma courses, and number of students that qualified for the Rutherford Scholarship.

Looking to the future year ahead of

us, our school will continue to focus on our four pillars – academics, athletics, fine arts and leadership.

Our performing arts are perhaps the most noticeable for our community and we are genuinely excited to see our community join us for band concerts and drama productions. The Leadership class has many events on the go and have included our entire school population to contribute to the betterment of the local and global community.

We are fortunate to have community

volunteers help out with coaching. Our hope is that with the help of volunteers we can keep a very athletic group of Grade 9s committed to our sports programs over the next four years.

One exciting new initiative we are exploring is a Student-Senior Linkage program with Bethany Care Didsbury. This involves pairing up students and seniors to explore the benefits of music therapy.

- Garth Dagg is the principal of Didsbury High School

Grassroots issues empower chamber

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization supported by its members and sponsors. Our great volunteers provide their time and expertise to make our chamber of commerce a strong representation of our business community. We welcome all who would like to participate and thank those that do.

We have been busy serving our members and the business community this last year. Sondra and I have spent many hours attending town council meetings and the chamber has met with town administration on a quarterly basis, fostering a partner-

ship of cooperation and respect.

The chamber's Business Growth and Retention Committee has developed into the Alliance for Business and Community Development with the support of community members. We are looking forward to some honest and transparent dialogue with our elected representatives as we forge ahead in this challenging economy. You can count on us to be your voice to town and town council. We would like to welcome the town's new chief administrative officer Harold Northcott and we look forward to forging a strong working relationship with him in the new year.

The power of the chamber of commerce is that we have our own local grass roots issues represented. As well, the ACC and the CCC advocate for our chamber members on a larger stage. The provincial and federal branches of the chamber of commerce are very busy working with new governments with the common objective of maintaining a healthy economic and investment environment that will not hinder businesses in these stressful economic times. There are many issues, such as climate change, carbon tax, Bill 6 and minimum wage increases that affect your business and we are looking for

answers to all your questions.

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce ushers in the spirit of Christmas with the beautiful decorations in our historic downtown business district and entertained you all with Country Christmas. As we enter the new year, our word will be "together" because we are stronger and better together. Join us as we forge new relationships and build trust and respect amongst all our community groups and leaders. We live in a great country, a great province and the best little town; Didsbury is the heart of Mountain View County.

Library thrives on partnerships

We began 2015 sharing promotion of credit courses with Campus Alberta Central that resulted in a full class of health care aide graduates. We collaborated with Sundre Public Library to bring opera interpretation to Didsburians via Skype.

We continue to share programs and services with Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society, the Mountain View Arts Society, chamber of commerce, Parkland Regional Library partners, our schools, Town of Didsbury Family and Community Support Services, Didsbury Out of School Care Association and ParentLink.

Our mission, to be a community hub that makes the world of information, imagination, and ideas freely accessible to all, is being fulfilled with this year's announcement that our board would no longer charge fees for library cards.

Your library hub is on track to welcome a record number of visitors in 2015 with over 500 new library cardholders! Checkouts of traditional materials grows along with digital downloads of eBooks, movies, music, and magazines. Parkland Regional Library has doubled their delivery van runs to accommodate the steadily increasing resource sharing traffic.

The library board is launching its next Plan of Service with emphases on celebrating diversity and facilitating lifelong learning. Tough economic times mean people need and use their libraries more than ever and we plan to be here for you.

Support from the Town of Didsbury means we will be able to open all day Mondays and collaborating with our partners enables us to connect with you in a meaningful way throughout the new year.

- Inez Kosinski is the manager of the Didsbury library

Great year

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We especially want to express our thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Breakfast For Learning program that allows every child in our building to start the day with nutritious food. We are excited about the details for our expanded breakfast program that we will be announcing in the new year.

I have used the word proud very deliberately. Students and staff alike take great pride in our learning and work together. On behalf of all of us, Merry Christmas! Please take advantage of the break to rest and recharge and we look forward to getting back to business in January.

- Carolyn Massel is the principal of Westglen School

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Pastor: Anna - Lisa Salo
Didsbury, Alberta - 5km S of the Didsbury
Overpass, 5km E on Bergthal Rd.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
For more information phone 403-335-4451
Hearing Interpreter
email: bergthal@explorer.net
www.bergthalmennonitechurch.com

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue - 403-335-8373
Join us for worship 10 a.m. Sundays.
For information go to www.knox-united.com
People make the place!
We are happy to welcome Rev. Janice Walls

Venue Church

Welcome Home
10:30 a.m. Sundays
Pastors Corey & Erin Kope
Pastors Richard & Beth Kope
1710 - 14 St., Didsbury 403-335-3551
Email info@venuechurch.ca
www.venuechurch.ca

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
Senior Pastor Don Shortt
Sunday Services 10:00 am
ALL WELCOME

Acme Church of God Seventh Day
2 miles South, 3 1/2 miles East of Acme
Sunday worship service: 10:00 am
For more information 403-947-2161 or 403-546-2603
www.acmecog.org

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
Mass every 2nd Saturday of month at 7:00 pm
For more information please contact
Catholic Women's League
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Olds St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada
1500 - 23 St., Didsbury
Rev. Robert Mahon
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3636
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 2, 4 & 5 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
For further information visit
www.redeemerdidsbury.com

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. - Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly
activities please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector: David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday
each month

St. Agnes

Catholic Church
302 - 11 Avenue South, Carstairs, Alberta
Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Parish Priest -
Fr. Thomas Vadassery
403-940-1100

Zion Evangelical

Missionary Church
8802 Secondary Highway 582
Phone: 403-335-3629
Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor,
Bruce Archer, Associate Pastor
Christine Little, Children's Pastor
Youth Pastor, Spencer Smith
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Salvation Studio House

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Church Service Times
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Wednesday 7-9 pm - Salvation Theatre
(Christian Movie Night)
Call for more information 403-335-2828
Pastors Richard and Marjorie McCue
www.SalvationStudioHouse.com

Harvest Bible Chapel

Pastor: Jon Anderson
10 am Service
Olds Recreation Center, 5202 52nd
Contact: 587-777-3314 or jonanderson1@gmail.com



AROUND TOWN

FOR DECEMBER 29, 2015

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January 7. Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services begins the Thursday afternoon program: a weekly free program of games, activities, special events and refreshments at the train station. If a ride is needed, please call 403-335-4391. All seniors are welcome to come and enjoy!

January 12, 19 and 26. Free "Money Matters" workshop at the Didsbury Library. Money Matters is a financial literacy program for adult learners developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada with support from TD Bank Group. ABC Life Literacy Canada is partnering with the Library and co-sponsoring this series of workshops for you to learn to better manage your money! Workshops will be Tuesday evenings, January 12, 19, and 26. Please register at the Library. No charge. Maximum 12 participants.

January 27. Coffee and Conversation at the Didsbury Museum from 1 to 3:30 pm. Starting off the New Year with local artist Dee Poisson. Dee will be speaking about her art work and demonstrating how to work with coloured pencils.

Promote your events in this column.

Send info to didsburylibrary@prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

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After Hours (Toll Free) 866.527.5866
Didsbury Neighbourhood Place 403.335.8719
Aquatic Centre and Arena 403.335.7369
www.didsbury.ca

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesday January 12 & 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.



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• Recycling Blue Bins will be picked up every week on your collection day.		

Community Resources

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5-0 CLUB HALL RENTALS. For Hall rentals and/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Sloan 403-335-3443.

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Call Shelley Fakir 403-335-9213.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL For meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4268.

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MELVIN HALL - www.melvinhall.ca
For rentals: Alana, 403-335-8352.

WESTERDALE HALL - Contact Shirley 403-335-4145 or Barb 403-335-4498

WESTCOTT HALL RENTAL - Call 403-335-8669 for meetings, family events and reunions.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Val at 403-335-3990 or Sheila 403-335-9964.

BEAVERS MON. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. - Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES - Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS - Scheduled transportation for anyone on Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN VIEW CHAPTER - Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - Provides free accessible mental health services. 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

3025 RCACC DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS - Youth 12-18 Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Hall 403-559-8801.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM - Tuesday - Friday 9 - 4:30 pm, Saturday 1 - 4:00 pm By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

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DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S - meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come.

PARENT LINK CENTER - Fun, FREE Programs for parents and children ages newborn to 6 yrs. Programs available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, #106, 2034 19th Avenue Didsbury. For more information call 403-559-7894 or www.mountainviewparentlink.org

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE - supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thurs. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

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SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE - is a resource centre for the town, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.

DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP meets every last Monday of the month. 3:00pm. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Sharon 403-335-7285.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE in OLDS is OPEN 10:00 - 5:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays CALL: 587-796-1611 or email olds@pregnancycare.ca NEW service, clothing boutique for maternity clothes and NB - 2 years of age FREE

DIDSBURY CRIBBAGE - Every Friday at 7:00pm. Elks Hall - main street Didsbury. Everyone Welcome!

KIDSPORT MOUNTAIN VIEW is looking for VOLUNTEERS. Call Tammy at 403-335-8982 or email: mountainview@kidsport.ab.ca 7-11

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Didsbury Elks Hall on Christmas Day from 1-3pm. Call Donnelly 403-335-8299 or Ursula 403-335-4799 to volunteer. Unable to get to the hall? Call 403-335-3749 between 10 am - 1pm for a delivery. Donations gratefully accepted, proceeds go to the Breakfast Program.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL AGM - January 21, 2016 at 7pm at the Mountain View Community Hall. Refreshments served.